

# WISP NEWS

A weekly newsletter for agency administrators and users of Wisconsin ServicePoint (WISP)

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## **Changes in Reporting Requirements for 2006-2007 ESG, THP & HPP**

There have been several notable changes in this year's ESG, THP and HPP contracts that relate to HMIS. Notably amongst them, all funded supportive and prevention services must be tracked in Service Transactions and each must have the fund source of ESG2007, THP2007 or HPP2007 identified. Also, HUD has expanded their list of required data elements – these additions have already been incorporated into the HUD Universal Data Elements Assessment. Agencies receiving supportive services or operations money from THP must submit a completed HUD-40118 APR from Wisconsin ServicePoint at the end of the grant period and all agencies receiving money from this year's grant must submit a form at the end of the year certifying that all of the clients served and all of services provided by the grant dollars were properly recorded in WISP. Fundamentally, this year if you are not doing ServicePoint regularly and correctly you are at risk losing your ESG, THP and HPP funding. For more information on the HMIS requirements go to the Web site <http://wisp.wi.gov>. If you have any questions about the new requirements or need some refresher training on properly entering your data into WISP please contact [sphelp@commerce.state.wi.us](mailto:sphelp@commerce.state.wi.us).

## **Adam Smith Joins Wisconsin ServicePoint Staff**

In an attempt to embrace fully the principles of a free market economy the Bureau of supportive Housing has hired the great 18<sup>th</sup> century economist, Adam Smith or at least somebody with that same name. Adam comes to the Bureau of Supportive Housing from Porchlight, Inc. where he worked as the development and public relations director since 2002. Porchlight operates a men's drop-in shelter, several transitional housing programs and a day shelter. The organization has been successfully using ServicePoint since 2002 and Adam has largely led that charge. Adam also played an instrumental role in HMIS coordination in the Dane County COC and has been on the HMIS Statewide Steering committee for the last several years. Prior to Porchlight he worked in a variety of roles at Central Wisconsin Community Action Council and has served on many homeless and special needs committees. Adam taught sociology for Madison Area Technical College and has a demonstrated commitment to issues of social stratification and poverty amelioration. Adam brings with him significant knowledge of HUD and State funded emergency and transitional housing programs and is already an expert user on ServicePoint. Adam will work on the State's Emergency Shelter Grant Program, WISP administration and as the project manager for special WISP projects. Adam has a lot of experience with Wisconsin ServicePoint from an agency point-of-view and with this insight he will play an instrumental role in helping improve WISP processes, communication and services. Adam can be reached by e-mail at [adam.smith@wisconsin.gov](mailto:adam.smith@wisconsin.gov) or by phone at (608)261-8159.

## **FrontDoor Requirements for ESG THP & HPP**

You were sent instructions with your ESG, THP and HPP grant contracts to update your agency's contact information and to fill out the *Decision Tree Module* in Wisconsin CommunityPoint. Please contact us at [FDhelp@commerce.state.wi.us](mailto:FDhelp@commerce.state.wi.us) to obtain your user ID and password to logon to Community Point [www.wifrontdoor.org](http://www.wifrontdoor.org). For more information about the *Decision Tree Module* see the 2006 – 2007 ESG THP HPP section of Wisconsin's HMIS Web site at <http://wisp.wi.gov>.